

Interview Summary

Application No.
09/752,293

Applicant(s)
Chenchik et al.

Examiner
S. Zitomer

Group Art Unit
1634

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(3) Kathleen Dal Bon

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Date of Interview Mar 27, 2002

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: all in general especially, claims 1, 13, 19 and 22

Identification of prior art discussed:

Kamb et al. (6,060,240) and Brenner (5,863,722)

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Examiner raised question of whether claim 1 method can distinguish over prior art random sequence tags with regard to the intended specific complementarity of the tag and tag complements which, however, are not gene specific. It was agreed that the claimed invention is distinct from the references cited above in which the primers are random sequences or poly(dT) whereas in the claimed invention they are gene specific. The kits, arrays and sets are especially problematic as essentially products against a crowded prior art field.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

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